

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on Friday Feb. 6 1953 at 7.30 p.m.

Present.

Messrs H. Seal (chairman) M. Briggs, F. Minkley, J. Trigg and P. F. Osdin (clerk).

The chairman asked the meeting to stand for a few moments silence as a token of respect for the people who had lost their lives in the recent East Coast Flood Disaster.

Minutes.

The clerk reported that the Minute Book was away at the District Audit, it was therefore agreed that the previous minutes be signed at the next meeting.

Lighting of Polish Camp Sites.

The chairman read a letter from the clerk of the Barrow-upon-Svon R.D.C. in which it was stated that the R.D.C. were unable to give any assistance financially for street lighting purposes. The writer went on to explain that the only way financial help could be given to the Parish would be for the Parish Council to concede their power as the Lighting Authority to the R.D.C. The chairman also explained that certain of these Polish Sites received electric power from the mains of the East Midlands Electricity Board and the remainder from the R.A.F. mains. The chairman also explained that this point had been discussed with an official of the East

Midlands Electricity Board who had stated that the Board could not provide any form of lighting on the site receiving power from the R.A.F.

These points were discussed at great length but the meeting was unable to come to any agreement. The Chairman was asked to refer the matter back to the R.D.C.

Estimates for expenditure 1953-4. It was agreed to precept for £29.0.0 for the General Account and for £27.0.0 for the Street Lighting Account, the latter to be passed at the Parish Meeting in March. The amounts were fixed for the purpose of an estimate form required by the Treasurer of the R.D.C.

Draft Map of Footpaths. It was agreed to discuss this when the Draft Map had been received from the County Council.

Authorisation of cheques. The following cheques were authorised:
 Shaw and Sons Stationery. 12 - 11.
 East Midlands Electricity Board. £10 - 10 - 0.

This concluded the business and the Chairman closed the meeting.

29.5.53

H. Seal

Chairman

The Annual Parish Meeting was held in the Village Hall on Thursday March 26 1953 at 7.30 p.m.

Present.

Messrs H. Seal (Chairman) M. Briggs.
S. Eggleston. F. Minkley. J. Trigg.
P. F. Oswin (clerk) together with 4 local government electors.

Minutes.

The Minutes of the last Parish Meeting held on Monday March 17. 1952 were read, confirmed and signed by the chairman. The minutes of a Parish Meeting held on Monday Nov. 24 1952 to discuss Coronation Celebrations were taken as read and signed by the chairman.

Business Arising.

The meeting was greatly concerned with the speed of traffic through the village, and although this had been reported to the Police after the last Parish Meeting the condition was still unchanged. The clerk was instructed to write to the Supt. of Police at Loughborough requesting his co-operation in the matter.

The overgrown hedge opposite the chapel was not completely cut and the clerk was asked to write to the Area Surveyor informing him of this.

The condition of the main street was still far from satisfactory particularly the footpath which needed re-surfacing.

after the recent cable laying. Also the section of road adjacent to the chapel still flooded. The clerk was instructed to inform the Area Surveyor of these points urging for him to receive immediate attention and also requesting that the village receive the regular attentions of a roadman.

Street lighting. The clerk informed the meeting that the Council had had to give the R.D.C. an estimate for lighting expenditure earlier this year, this had been given as £27-0-0. This amount would allow for existing lamps to be moved if necessary, but not for any additional lamps which would require standards. The possibility of a lamp being fitted to a building in the Back Lane was discussed and the clerk was asked to enquire into this before another lighting season. It was suggested that a Parish Meeting be called before the financial estimates had to be given for next year. This was agreed upon.

Mr. H. Briggs then proposed, seconded by Mr. J. Trigg that £27-0-0 should be the amount raised as a special rate for street lighting during 1953-4. This was unanimously carried.

Any other business.

It was reported that the brook in the Back Lane needed attention although many requests had been made to the R.D.C. to have it cleaned out.

Mr. R. Brooks then proposed recorded by Mr. Blood that the clerk write to the R.D.C. asking them if they would consider having the brook filled in and the water course culverted as was the case in other parts of the village.

It was also reported that there was an obstruction in the sewerage system and the clerk was instructed to ask the R.D.C. Engineers to inspect this.

The clerk was also asked to make a request to the R.D.C. for Litter Baskets to be erected in the main street.

This concluded the business and the meeting was closed.

H. Seal
(Chairman)

30-3-54

The above Parish Meeting was followed by a Parish Council Meeting to conduct the following business.

Receipt.

The following Receipts were signed:

General Expenses 1953-4 . £9 - 0 - 0
Lighting & Watching Act " £27 - 0 - 0

Cheques.

The following cheques were authorized:

clerk's Salary and Expenses. 1952.3. £4 - 18. 3.
Rent of Room for Meetings. 10 - 0.

This concluded the business and the meeting was closed. *H. Seal* Chairman 29.5.53

The Annual Parish Council Meeting was held at the Village Farm on Friday May 29 1953, at 7.30 p.m.

Present.

M. Briggs, F. Minkley, H. Seal, J. Trigg and P. F. Oswin (clerk).

Election of
Chairman.

The clerk asked for a nomination for chairman for the ensuing year, and on the proposition of Mr. Trigg seconded by Mr. Minkley Mr. H. Seal was again elected chairman. Mr. Seal offered his thanks and duly accepted the office.

Minutes.

The minutes of the last two Parish Council Meetings held on Friday Feb. 6 and Thursday March 26 were read, confirmed and signed by the chairman.

Business

Arising.

Nil.

Correspondence.

A letter was read from the chairman of the Residents Committee of the Police Housing Estate making a further request for street lighting.

It had previously been explained to the Council by an official of the East Midlands Electricity Board that the provision of lights round the various buildings did not come under the category of street lighting.

With this information to hand the Council as the lighting Authority for the Parish were not responsible for the provision

of light on the Housing Estate and considered it the responsibility of the Parish Residents to provide some form of suitable lighting themselves.

A circular letter on street lighting was read from the Ministry of Transport in which it stated that Lighting Authorities must apply for an Annual licence to enable them to carry out any improvement to existing street lighting.

The letter also stated that the Regional Licensing Officer of the Ministry of Works required an estimate of expenditure for maintenance of existing lighting installation for the coming year.

A letter was read from the R.D.C. stating that they could not take any further action regarding brook cleaning and advised the Parish Council to approach the Area Surveyor regarding the matter.

A letter was read from the Area Surveyor in reply to one sent from the recent Parish Meeting stating that the various points raised regarding the village street would receive his attention.

Pentisfold Parochial
Charities.

Copies of the accounts for the year 1952 were presented to the meeting and endorsed.

Any other
business.

Mr. Briggs asked if a notice "No through Road" could be placed at the entrance to

Symons Rd. to prevent through traffic
inadvertently using this road.
The clerk was asked to write to the R.D.C.
asking for a suitable sign to be erected.
This concluded the business
and the meeting was closed.

6.11.53 H. Seal Chairman

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Village Farm on Friday Nov. 6 1953 at 7.30 p.m.

Present.

Messrs H. Seal (Chairman), W. Briggs, S. Eggleston, J. Trigg and P. F. Oswin (Clerk).
Mr. Dolman (Clerk of the Barrow-upon-Soar R.D.C.)
Mr. Sadowski (Chairman of the Polish Residents Committee), Mr. Jamieson and Mr. Kinnell (Representatives of the East Midlands Electricity Board) attended by invitation.

Apology.

An apology was received from Mr. Minkley for non-attendance.

Minutes.

The minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on Friday May 29 1953 were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Matters

Arising.

Cleaning of the Brook.

The Chairman reported that he had been informed at a meeting of the Highways Committee that the County Council was the responsible body for this work and that the brook would be cleaned out in the near future.

License for Street Lighting Maintenance and Extensions.

The Clerk reported that he had obtained a license to enable the Parish Council to maintain the Street Lighting at a cost not exceeding £30-0-0 and minor works of new installation at a cost not exceeding £50-0-0 for a single operation.

Lighting of the Polish Camp Sites.

The Chairman asked Mr. Dolman for his views on this matter. Briefly Mr. Dolman stated that a minimum of 30 lamps would be required to light these sites and went on to say that the R.D.C. were not in a position to provide these.

Mr. Jamieson explained that it would be costly and uneconomical to provide the type of lamp used for lighting the main streets to light what were in effect only pathways between the huts.

He suggested that the Polish Community purchase a cheaper type of lamp which could be fitted on the huts at suitable points.

In view of the many difficulties these scattered sites presented the meeting agreed that this was the most economical solution to the problem.

Additional lamp in Seymour Road.

As requested at the last Parish Meeting the clerk had obtained the cost of an additional lamp in this road. This was £5.0.0 for a suitable pole plus £3.0.0 for the supply of electricity and maintenance.

The clerk reported that the balance in the Lighting Account would not cover this amount. Mr. Jamieson then suggested that the pole remain the property of the East Midlands Electricity Board and then the cost to the Parish Council would be £3.0.0 for light and maintenance.

The meeting agreed that this additional

lamp should be erected as soon as possible.

Any other
business.

The clerk asked Mr. Dolman if street names plates would be erected in the village. Mr. Dolman informed the meeting that there had already been put in hand and would be erected in due course.

Re-naming of the Back Lane.

Mr. Dolman asked the meeting how much of the Back Lane was to be re-named Seymour Rd. The meeting informed him that the whole of the lane was to be known as Seymour Road.

There being no further business the chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the visitors for their help and advice this was heartily endorsed by the members of the Council, the chairman then declared the meeting closed.

W Seal (Chairman)

14/1/54